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Invention: GAMING DEVICE HAVING DUAL EVALUATION SCHEME

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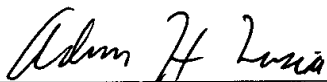
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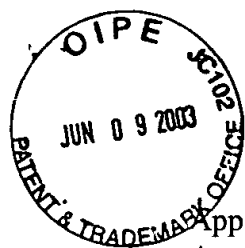
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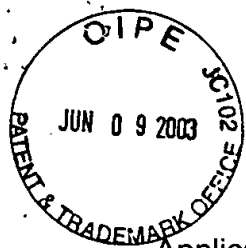
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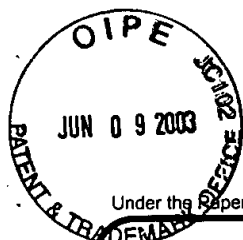
In response to the final Office Action dated March 7, 2003, please enter this Response in the above-identified patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1 (Four Times Amended) A method for operating a slot machine including a plurality of symbols, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) maintaining a list of award-yielding symbol combinations of said plurality of symbols in a controller;
- (b) randomly generating on a plurality of paylines a first set of the symbols from the plurality of symbols;
- (c) providing an award for each award-yielding symbol combination appearing in said first set on any of the paylines before any said symbol can be replaced;
- (d) selecting at least one but not all of the symbols in the first set for individual replacement and individually replacing each said selected symbol in the first set with one of the plurality of symbols to generate a second set of the symbols, the second set of symbols displayed in place of the first set of symbols; and



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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____iii. ☐ Other _____b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other _____2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other _____3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **02-1818**i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

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